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Student Directors' Report

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All City Council Middle School Update

ACC Middle School End of Year Meeting was held at the Family & Community Office on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

"Getting Ready for High School" - Discussion

This meeting was dedicated to sharing lessons with middle school students about 9<sup>th</sup> grade do's and don't from juniors and seniors. Topics discussed included getting ready for high school academic expectations; A-G requirements and AP coursework; being your own advocate and not just relying on counselors; balancing academics with leadership and sports; creating healthy peer relationships; and dealing with difficult teachers.

Frick Middle School Student Report

Frick Middle School students have new PE equipment. The improvement happened because Mr. Bayless ordered more equipment. Some remaining concerns they have is the food which is being addressed by providing nutrition discussion groups.

Upcoming events: Spirit Week, Promotion, a trip to Washington, a trip to Great America and the Diner Dance.

ACC High School Update

Statewide Campaign for Quality Education – "Day of Action" in Sacramento, May 10, 2011, "Time to Upgrade California's Education System."

Sixty high school student leaders from All City Council, Youth Together, AYPAL, and Californians for Justice conducted legislative visits in Sacramento on May 10<sup>th</sup> in unity with other students and parents from San Jose, Fresno, and Los Angeles to advocate for four proposals:

1) Governor Brown's tax extension proposal.

2) Assembly Bill (AB) 18 – (Brownley)

The first step to reforming our school finance system by simplifying the number of funding streams provided to school districts creating a new funding formula, weighted funding, and targeting the needs of poor students and English Learners. The bill will also lead to a new school based financial reporting system to show:

- a) How funding is spent and the source of funding in a simple transparent way.
- b) How funds spent at school sites links to increasing student achievement so we can identify which programs work.
- c) How financial data across schools within and outside of the district compare with each other over time.

3) AB 5 (Fuentes)

AB 5 will rewrite the existing law establishing a teacher evaluation system that will:

- a) Provide continuous support to teachers with the intent of leading to better instruction for students.

- b) Require school districts to adopt and implement a fair, transparent, and rigorous evaluation system that is developed locally by school districts and teachers' unions.
- c) AB 5 will be amended to include parents and students in the process and their feedback.

#### 4. Amendment or "No" Vote of AB1330 - (Furutani)

We asked legislators to vote "No" on this bill because it puts career education against college readiness the way it was written. As written it would give school districts the flexibility to let students take a career course instead of Foreign Language or Arts to get their high school diploma. This is harmful to students in districts implementing A-G for all as we are. We asked legislators to push for an amendment to this bill that will protect students and districts seeking both college and career readiness.

"The Day of Action" also included a press conference outside the State Capitol Building, a tour of the building, and an introduction to the legislative process on the assembly floor.

#### ACC Election for 2011-12 Governing Board

Elections were held on May 19, 2011 at 2111 International Blvd., 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Last Thursday five of our nine Governing Board Members for next year were elected with 6 schools (ACC quorum) present: YES, MetWest, Street Academy, Oakland High, Oakland Tech, and Skyline:

**Student Director** (1) on the Board of Education - Bella Montoya, currently a junior at YES. We will elect the 2<sup>nd</sup> Student Director in the fall.

**President** - Amairani Sanchez, currently an intern with MSE, and a junior at MetWest.

**Vice President** - Alan Hamilton, currently a junior at Oakland Tech, and member of OKF!-REAL HARD.

**Secretary** - Eric Grant, currently a junior at Street Academy, and active on the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission.

**Treasurer** - Kevin Nguyen, currently junior at Oakland High.

Open positions to be filled in the fall: Second Student Director, Parliamentarian, Media Director, and Historian

#### Desean Jackson

Special guest from the NFL, and Cal Football Alum, Desean Jackson, wide-receiver for the Philadelphia Eagles, came to ACC to share his story and message on education, leadership, and sports. Two parents were in attendance supporting their student athletes as well as Skyline football team members. Desean hopes to continue his speaking tour and start a scholarship fund to inspire and support students from the Los Angeles and Oakland area to work towards their dream for a better life and success after high school through sports, education, and leadership.